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SUBJ: CIVAIR: CANADA DISAPPROVES TRANSBORDER BICENTENNIAL
AIR FARES

1. AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE JAN 31 DISAPPROVED PACKAGE
OF BICENTENNIAL AIR FARES FILED BY VARIETY OF US
CARRIERS WITHOUT FOLLOWING PROCEDURES OF BILTERAL
AGREEMENT. COPY OF TELEX TO INDIVIDUAL CARRIERS BEING
REPEATED BY ATC TO CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (DEEGAN).

2. TCO DISCUSSED MATTER BRIEFLY WITH SULLIVAN (CHIEF,
FARES, RATES AND SERVICE DIVISION) AND HIS SUPERIOR
QUIRT (DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS BRANCH). BASIC SUBSTANTIVE
RATIONALE FOR ACTION APPEARS TO BE THAT THE RATES FILED
WERE CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE FOR SHORT HAULS. AS AN
EXAMPLE, SULLIVAN CITED ALLEGHENY'S PROPOSED DETROIT-
MONTREAL FARE WHICH WOULD BE UNDULY LOWER THAN AIR
CANADA'S WINDOR-MONTREAL FARE. BOTH REFERRED TO
ACTION BY CAB SOME WEEKS AGO ATTEMPTING TURN DOWN DOMESTIC
ASPECTS OF THESE FARES ON TRIPS LESS THAN 1500 MILES.

SULLIVAN, HOWEVER, INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD PRESIDENT
OVERRULED CAB BY VIRTUE POWERS OVER INTERNATIONAL

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FARES.

3. QUIRT'S INFORMAL EXPLANATION AS TO WHY PROCEDURES
IN BILATERAL HAD NOT BEEN INVOKED BOILS DOWN TO FACT
THAT HE AND OTHERS CONCERNED SIMPLY FORGOT ABOUT THEIR
RELEVANCE. WE GATHER EXTAFF HAD NOT EVEN BEEN
INFORMED. QUIRT REFERRED TO DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING
SUPPORTING INFORMATION FROM CARRIERS OVER THE CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAYS. FULL INFORMATION BECAME AVAILABLE ONLY IN
LAST FEW DAYS AND ATC FELT IT HAD TO ACT BY TODAY
SINCE OTHERWISE FARES WOULD HAVE BECOME EFFECTIVE
TOMORROW. PORTER

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